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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are for three months and \$555.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2295.

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